



**National Fuel**

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July 1, 2014

National Fuel Gas  
6363 Main Street  
Williamsville, NY 14221

RE: Northern Long Eared Bat Surveys

Dear Landowner,

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation ("National Fuel") is required by the New York State Department of Conservation and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct environmental surveys in an effort to determine if the Northern Long Eared Bat or other rare bat species are present in the area of its existing natural gas transmission pipeline corridor ("Line X") and/or its proposed Northern Access 2016 survey corridor. One, or both, of these corridors may be on or near your property. These surveys are required to be performed during the period from May 15 to August 15, and will commence the week of July 7, 2014.

These bat surveys will be performed by Tetra Tech, Inc, contractor for National Fuel, with the intention of working within the existing Line X right-of-way. If you have granted survey permission for the Northern Access 2016 Project, the contractor may request permission to conduct the bat surveys along an alternate location on your property. The specific study methods are known as mist netting and acoustic monitoring surveys. Usually, either the acoustic or the mist net method will be used at any one survey site, depending on site conditions and other factors.

Mist-netting is a non-invasive process. The nets are approximately 20 feet in height. The survey typically takes two to three days, weather depending. On the first day, a surveyor will determine the proper location to set up temporary netting. Approximately one hour prior to sunset, surveyors will return, and remain on-site for several hours after sunset, checking the nets every ten minutes. The net apparatus will be left in place (but nets will be pulled up like curtains) at the end of the first night, and then will be reused on the second day for further monitoring that evening. Upon completion of the second night of survey work, all equipment will be removed from the property. Acoustic monitoring is more discreet than mist netting. Acoustic monitoring equipment (microphone) will be set on a 10- to 20-foot high pole that is hand-installed, and will be left up for a few days. Acoustic surveys will require one or possibly two visits to inspect the equipment briefly. To assist with the night surveys and observations, flashlights, mining lights, and other portable lights will be utilized by survey staff. Vehicles and/or all-terrain vehicles will be restricted to the existing right-of-way and roads previously authorized for our use by the property owner.

If a bat is discovered, its statistics will be recorded and a small tracking device may be attached prior to its release. The surveyors are then required to attempt and locate the bats roosting tree during daylight hours. The survey results will be shared with the necessary agencies.

Should you have any questions concerning this survey, I can be reached at (740) 629-4920.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Russell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized "R".

Ryan Russell  
Contract Land Agent for  
Supply Corporation